



AMSTERDAM meets GRIAC symposium:

“Advancing lung research through global collaboration”

Date: Friday 26 September 2025 (the day before ERS congress 2025 in Amsterdam)

Location venue: UMCG Groningen

Conference Chairs: Job van Boven, Martijn Nawijn, Dirk-Jan Slebos, Lies Moed

Preliminary program

Time	Title (and moderator)	Speaker	Room
09.15-10.00	Coffee/Tea/Sponsors/Registration		Ronde Zaal
10.00-10.15	Welcome – history of GRIAC	Chairs GRIAC Irene Heijink & Maarten van den Berge	Rode zaal
10.15-10.45	Plenary key note 1 – Heterogeneity of obstructive lung disease (Chair: Martijn Nawijn)	Rosa Faner Canet	Rode zaal
10.45-11.15	Plenary key note 2 – Novel treatments in severe asthma (Chair: Maarten van den Berge)	Celeste Porsbjerg	Rode zaal
11.15-11.45	Plenary key note 3 – Biologics in COPD (Chair: Dirk-Jan Slebos)	Frank Sciruba	Rode zaal
11.45-12.15	Plenary key note 4: – Global lung health: GRIAC- MLI collaboration (Chair: Thys van der Molen)	Bruce Kirenga	Rode zaal
12.15-13.30	Network Lunch + Sponsor booths		Ronde Zaal
13.30-13.50	Parallel: Clinical topic 1: AI in respiratory medicine (Chair: Gerard Koppelman)	Amy Chan	Rode zaal
	Parallel: Basic/translational topic 1: Old & New in COPD: from genetics to Spatial Transcriptomics (Chair: Irene Heijink)	Ian Sayers	Lokaal 16
13.50-14.10	Parallel: Clinical topic 2: Comorbidities in COPD (Chair: Marieke Duiverman)	Lowie Vanfleteren	Rode zaal
	Parallel: Basic/translational topic 2: Device-tissue interactions (Chair: Janette Burgess)	Akash Gupta	Lokaal 16

14.10-14.30	Parallel: Clinical topic 3: Novel interventions in TB (Chair: Huib Kerstjens)	Onno Akkerman	Rode zaal
	Parallel: Basic/translational topic 3: Single-cell analyses in asthma (Chair: Sjors Maassen)	Jenny Mjösberg	Lokaal 16
14.30-14.50	Parallel: Clinical topic 4: Novel bronchoscopic interventions in COPD (Chair: Marlies van Dijk)	Dirk-Jan Slebos	Rode zaal
	Parallel: Basic/translational topic 4: Imaging the lung (Chair: Corry-Anke Brandsma)	Harm Tiddens	Lokaal 16
14.50-15.20	Coffee/tea		Ronde zaal
15.20-15.40	Parallel: Funding opportunities for shared projects with GRIAC: the ENLIGHT example (Chair: Job van Boven)	Lies Lahousse	Rode zaal
	Parallel: Consortium Precision medicine in asthma/COPD: introduction/meeting (Chair: Martijn Nawijn)	Martijn Nawijn	Lokaal 16
15.40-16.00	Plenary key note 5 - The future of lung health: digital opportunities (Chair: Job van Boven)	Richard Costello	Rode zaal
16.00-16.05	Closing	Conference Chairs	Rode zaal
16.05-17.30	Drinks and networking		SPIJS

Faculty

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Organization

The UMCG Wenckebach Instituut for Education and Training in cooperation with The Groningen Research Institute for Asthma and COPD (GRIAC).

The symposium is being realised by an unrestricted grant from Chiesi, GSK, Pulmonx, and Sanofi.

Local Organizing Committee

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Accreditation

No accreditation will be applied for in relation to this event.

Location

The symposium will be held at the University Medical Center Groningen, Hanzeplein 1, Groningen, The Netherlands, Plenary Conference room 'Rode Zaal', internal address UMCG: Winkelstraat 1, second floor (UK). Reception and registration in de 'Ronde Zaal', internal address UMCG: Winkelstraat 1, first floor (UK).

Travel Information

[Amsterdam Schiphol Airport \(AMS\)](#) serves most major international airlines. It is located 190 km from Groningen.

The city of Groningen has direct railway connections with Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. Travel time approximately 2½ hours. Groningen is well connected by train from across the Netherlands.

[Click here](#) to plan your journey to Groningen from Amsterdam Schiphol airport. Also the return from Groningen to the Amsterdam ERS 2025 conference is served by a direct train connection.

Another option to travel from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to Groningen is to rent a car. Please [click here](#) for several car rental options. Parking facilities are available in parking 'UMCG Noord', entrance at Vrydemalaan (paid parking).

Upon arrival at the railway station 'Hoofdstation Groningen' several local buses depart from the railway station to the University Medical Center Groningen. [Please click here](#) to plan your journey.

Groningen is a very walkable and easy to navigate city. Use [Google Maps](#) to plan your route on foot.

Hotels and accommodation

We have selected a number of hotels in the city centre of Groningen, all within walking distance of the University Medical Center. [Please click here](#) for an overview of hotels.

Language

The official language during the conference is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Costs and registration

The symposium will be free of charge and includes coffee, lunch and drinks. Although attendance at the symposium is complimentary, **advance registration is mandatory**.

You can sign up at <https://onderwijs.umcg.nl> **until 20 September 2025**. Participation is subject to a maximum number; registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

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